GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the estimates of the Planning Commission, there is a shortage of the doctors/ health workers of the Indian Medicine System in the country particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total requirement and the availability of the doctors/ health workers in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/ to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage of doctors and health workers in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) No such estimate has been made.

(c) & (d) There are no norms regarding the requirement of doctors of Indian Systems of Medicine per thousand population. There are 7,24,823 registered AYUSH practitioners which works out to 6.5 Ayush doctors per 10,000 population. State-wise details are annexed. States including Himachal Pradesh are supported under the National Rural Health Mission for contractual appointments of AYUSH doctors and para medics in accordance with their requirements reflected in the States specific Programme Implementation Plans.